GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:226
ANSWERED ON:18.11.2002
IMPOUNDING OF ALMATTI RESERVOIR WATER BY KARNATAKA
A. VENKATESH NAIK;GADDAM GANGA REDDY

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware that the Government ofKarnataka has impounded additional water from the Almatti Reservoir across the river Krishna to increase the level to 519.6 meters from the present 515 meters;

(b) if so, whether as a result of this the irrigation potential could be enhanced to 4.80 lakh hectares this year;

(c) if so, whether the rehabilitation of affected persons has been taken up by the State Government;

(d) if so, whether the State Government has requested the Union Government to provide additional assistance for the purpose; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction/response of the Union Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) The Government of Karnataka has informed that it has impounded water at Almatti Reservoir at519.6 metres, the level approved by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

(b) The water impounded will be used for irrigating 3.55 lakh hectare potential created in stage-I during last year and 1.11 lakh hectare potential proposed for 2002-03 under statge-II (total 4.67 lakh hectare)

(c) The rehabilitation of the affected persons has been completed upto 521 metre level, which is the effective level for the Almatti Dam at 519.6 metre.

(d) & (e) No additional assistance for the purpose has been requested bythe State Government.However, under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP)Central Loan Assistance(CLA)is being provided to Upper Krishna Project.A part of this assistance is being utilized by the State for rehabilitation of the project affected persons. The details of expenditure on Resettlement and Rehabilitation (R&R) in the year 2001-2002 and that proposed for 2002- 2003 is as under:-

Year	CLA released under AIBP (Rs. In crore)	Expenditure on R&R (Rs in Crore)
2001-2002	450.00	334.73
2002-2003 (1st instalment)	115.45 (proposed)	244.74